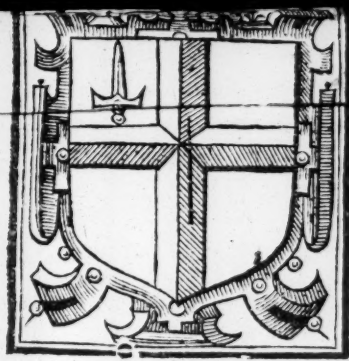
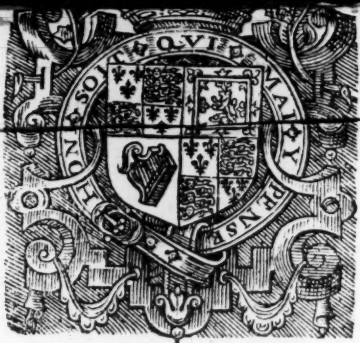




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Orasmuch as the due execution of the place and Office of Constable hath of late bene more neglected then heretofore, as well for that by reason that men of ability and the better sort, are for small fines discharged of that service: as also for that such as are Constables are not ready to be found, and many times turn the services which themselves ought to performe, to inferior ministers.

For reformation whereof, and for the better direction and ordering of the election of Constables within this Citie and Liberties, and Suburbs thereof, It is ordained and enacted by the right Honourable the Lord Mayor, and the right Worshipfull the Aldermen his Brethren, and the Commons in this common Councell assembled, and by the authority of the same, That no person shall be from henceforth freed or exempted from bearing the Office of Constable within any the precincts of this City, or the Liberties thereof, if he be thereunto duly elected (except Strangers born, and such as by the Lawes of this Land ought to be exempted) or shall vndergo and serve the same Office in his own

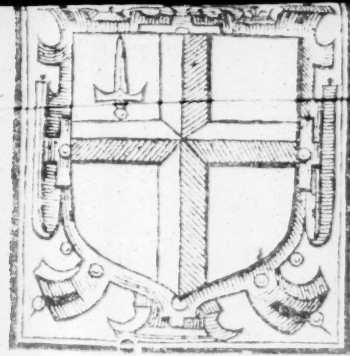
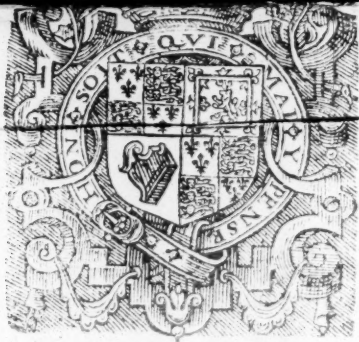
person, and shall be sworn for the due execution thereof. Nevertheless, if any person hereafter to be chosen Constable, shall after such Oath taken, make known to the Alderman of the Ward, within which precinct he shall be chosen Constable for the time being, or to the Deputie or Deputies, and common Councell of the same Ward, That he is not able to execute the same, in regard of age, or weaknesse of body, or by reason of some necessary affaires beyond the Seas, or other occasion: and that they, or the greater number of them, shall allow of such cause: If then such person so elected shall procure a fit person, such as shall be allowed and approued of by such Alderman, Deputy or Deputies, and common Councell of such Ward, or the greater number of them, to serve him, and as his deputie in the Office of Constable, then such person so to be procured, shall be admitted and sworn to serve the same place and Office.

And it is further enacted by the Authoritie aforesaid, That every Constable or his deputie to be allowed and sworn as aforesaid, shall watch in his owne person as his turne or watch night cometh about, and shall not put in his place the Beadle of the Ward, or some one of the Watch-men, as hath too commonly been accustomed, except such Constable or deputie shall be then sick, or hindered or letted by any reasonable or lawfull cause.

And for that the Ward of Faringdon without is very spacious and many dangerous & suspected persons inhabite, lodge, and resort thither, It is therefore ordained and enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the sixteen Constables of the said Ward, shall by two in a night (within their precincts) watch in severall places of the said Ward, viz: One on S. Sepulchres side, and the other on Fleetstreet side. And that the severall Deputies of the severall wards may have, from the Chamber of London, printed Passports to be delivered to the severall Constables or their deputies, as cause shall require, to passe and send away such rogues and vagrants as appeare not to be incorrigible, from Constable to Constable, to the proper place of their abode, according to the Statute in that behalfe made.

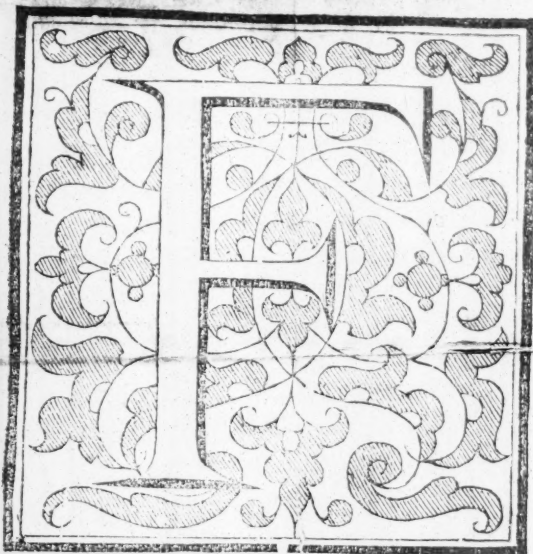
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